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Parent/carer information - October 23rd 2020

We have come to the end of the first half term of one of the strangest periods ever. Despite this, we have had a very successful time in school and all staff have worked so hard to make school a safe and enjoyable experience for all our children.



Halloween

It was great to see so many children dressing up and enjoying a party day in their classes this week. As we couldn't have our normal Halloween disco this year and the children will not be able to go 'Trick or Treating' in the community, we wanted them to have some Halloween fun in school. Thank you to the PTA who purchased party game prizes and party snacks with their class. They raised over £200 which will all be spent on resources to benefit the children.



Black History Month

All classes have participated in lessons to mark Black History Month throughout October. A wide range of lessons gave the children opportunities to explore black history, heritage, culture and achievements. Pupils entered a competition organised by Gwent Primary Schools to get creative against racism. Children created excellent pieces of work, including posters and poems.

They have been entered for judging this week.

We also made a stand against racism by supporting Show Racism the Red Card by wearing Red last Friday. Thank you so much for your support, donations will be go towards funding anti-racism education workshops.

Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)

You will have now had your half term report for your child. Those who wish to discuss this further have contacted us to arrange a telephone appointment after half term.

New Pupil Representatives 2020-21

October has been a busy time appointing new class representatives in all year groups from Year 1. Well done to the successful candidates below:

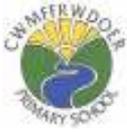


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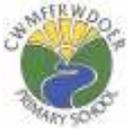
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School Council	Eco-Committee	Digital Leaders	Equality Leads	Sports Ambassadors
Luci Dodgson-Houghton Y1	Evodie Martin Y1	Chace Davies Y3	Lily Wall Y5	Cae Waters Y5
Brynley Meyrick-Marshall Y1	Harley Warnock Y1	Sophie Bainton Y3	Darcy Jones Y5	James Parker Y5
Ruby Jones Y2	Kyron Haines Y2	Madeline Jones Y4	Sofia Richards Y5	Mia Edwards Y6
Oakley Israel-Evans Y2	Emily Goodwin Y2	Amy Stone Y4	Gethin Hicks Y5	Millie Harris Y6
Mia Roynon-Griffiths Y3	Darcie McClusky Y3	Lola Bridger Y4	Reagan Bainton Y6	Harri Townsend Y6
Simeon Osbourne Y3	Layla Barton Y3	Kyran Walker Y5	Gracie Burgess Y6	Matthew Morris Y6
James Matthews Y4	Beatrice Robertson Y4	Summer Jones Y5		Layla Loveday Y6
Paige Davies Y4	Peyton-Lee Blackmer Y4	Jensen O'Halloran Y5		
Casey Jones Y5	Hugo Israel-Evans Y4	Matthew Morris Y6		
Gwennie Gibbs Y5	Georgia-Rae Clayton Y4	Elinid Samuel Y6		
Emma-Jayne Packwood Y5	Lacey-Paige Jenkins Y6			
Abbie Pearce Y5	Katie Flinn Y6			
Summer Jones Y5	Matthew Morris Y6			
Isobel Moses-Jones Y5	Megan Barrett Y6			
Toby Malson Y6	Toby Malson Y6			
Lacey Rowlands Y6	Hannah Craddock Y6			
Frazer Redman Y6				
Reawyn Osborne Y6				





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Heddlu Bach

Our mini police officers are currently being appointed, 31 children have applied in Year 5 and Year 6. Rhodri Fletcher and Mia Edwards are the Y6 leads of Heddlu Bach.

Harvest Donations for Food Bank

Harvest will be marked in classes and as we do every year, we are supporting our local foodbank by collecting any items of tinned or dried foods. If you wish to donate any items, these can be brought into school the week of 2/11/20 and these will then be donated to Eastern valley Food Bank in Pontypool.



Weekly class attendance awards

The best attending class this week is Dosbarth Tresaith (Year 2). They will receive the Attendance Trophy in class and can wear non-uniform to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**. It would normally be today but we are all wearing mufti today for the end of half term.

School dinners

All information for school meals is on the Torfaen website on the following link:

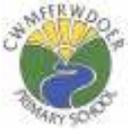
<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/School-Menus.aspx>

Important dates for school from November

These will be updated weekly.

Return to school	Monday 2 nd November Donations for foodbank welcome.
Remembrance Day	Wednesday 11 th November
Children in Need Day - further details will come from School Council	Friday 13 th November
Universal Children's Day	Friday 20 th November
New Curriculum Character Launch Day	Monday 30 th November
Elf Day - children can dress as elves or in elf colours to welcome the elves to Cwmffrwdoler.	Tuesday 1 st December
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 16 th December
End of Autumn Term	Friday 18 th December 1:15pm
INSET day - school closed to pupils	Monday 4 th January 2020
Spring term begins for pupils	Tuesday 5 th January





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Christmas Raffle

The PTA are organizing a Christmas raffle once again - any prize donations would be gratefully received!

Important information - Covid

Please ensure that your child does not come to school if a member of your household has Covid symptoms or is awaiting a test result.

If a staff member or pupil within our school is tested positive, we will ensure that parents are notified as soon as possible if any children have to self-isolate.

Congregating at gates

Staggered starts/finishes are in place to reduce the number of people in shared spaces including around school entrances and exits.

Please be reminded to only pick up and drop off your children at the specified times given for the safety of all.

Parents/carers should not congregate at the school gates and must adhere to social distancing for the safety of all. Once children have been collected please move from the gates so other families can collect safely.

Parking

Please may I remind all parents/carers that parking in the school grounds is not permitted. A few cars have also been obstructing the school gates in the morning making it difficult for staff entering and unsafe for all pedestrians.

A few parents/carers have recently parked in the school grounds when children are being collected and staff have had to ask them to move. It is unfortunate that, despite this, a few continue to enter the car park after being told it is unsafe and not allowed.

As this half term draws to a close, I want to say a particular thank you to all staff in Cwmffrwdoler. They have worked in very difficult circumstances, but have undertaken their duties professionally to make sure all our children are educated safely.

Although lockdown will, of course, impact on everyone's half term, I hope it provides everyone with an opportunity to have a break and some well-deserved rest.

Warm regards
Sarah Truelove
Headteacher

